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## UMS TRANSFORMS: Overview

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# UMS TRANSFORMS Overview



**1 UMS-wide student success and retention:** Includes research learning opportunities for first- and second-year undergraduate students; a gateway to success initiative to expand learning assistance and curricular redesign to reduce failure rates and improve retention in “gateway” STEM courses; and a pathways-to-careers program to expand access to credit-bearing internships and other experiential learning opportunities System-wide.



**2 The Maine College of Engineering, Computing and Information Science:** Providing additional faculty, scholarships, and undergraduate engineering and computing opportunities at the University of Maine (UMaine) and University of Southern Maine (USM); UMaine graduate engineering and computer science programs offered in Portland; expanded pathways into the statewide college from all UMS universities, community colleges, and K-12; and new opportunities for shared programs, interdisciplinary structures, and partnerships.



**3 The Maine Graduate and Professional Center:** Supporting faculty, scholarships, integrated program development across business, law, public policy and graduate engineering, computing, and information science; and a state-of-the-art building in Portland to house the University of Maine Graduate & Professional Center programs and Maine Law, and to serve as a center for collaboration and engagement to help attract and expand businesses and strengthen the Maine economy.



**4 Division I Athletic Facilities at the University of Maine:** Providing support to maintain excellence in the state’s only Division I athletics program, advance gender equity, and provide a preferred destination for high school sports championships, large academic fairs and competitions, and community events. People from throughout Maine will be able to use the state-of-the-art athletic and convening venues at the state’s flagship university in Orono.